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Recent news in regard the Kennedy "Employment Non-discrimination Act of 1994" is at the same time promising and disturbing. On the first hand, it is a law badly needed and inclusion of gay, lesbian and bi-sexual Americans is gratifying.

On the other hand, exclusion of transgendered citizens is of concern to Ground Zero. Ground Zero believe this exclusion is not justifiable and that all effort should be made to add transgendered citizens to the list of those who are included and specifically named.

Some transgendered persons consider themselves as gay and many others do not. It is essential that all are aware that the law is fully inclusive.

We are sending copies of this statement to a number of members of Congress in the hopes that they will take action immediately to reverse the decision to exclude transgendered people from the Kennedy bill.

At the same time, we encourage those working on the issue of transgendered inclusion not to do so through using the threat of sinking the bill entirely if this does not occur. Ground Zero feels that this is a counter-productive approach that will only engender bad feelings and intensify the differences that exists between the two communities.

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